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FOREWORD

ON MARCH 6, 1906, a number of persons, most of them entirely blind, a few with partial sight, met at the home of Mr. George L. Maitland, of Philadelphia, to discuss the establishment of a Home for the aged blind. Of the twenty-one Homes for the aged, visited by Mrs. Agnes B. Reybold, who had inaugurated the movement, only two would accept the blind. Even the church Homes for the aged were not willing then to admit those deprived of sight.

The Chapin Memorial Home was named for Mr. Willian Chapin, who had consecrated his life to the service of the blind and had visioned a Home of happiness and security for the sightless in their declining years. The Home was incorporated November 20, 1908, and its first president was Dr. Robert C. Moon, a man who, like Mr. Chapin, dedicated his life to work for the blind.

Mr. George A. Smith, the vice-president, in January, 1910, lent a small house at 2139 North Stanley Street, Philadelphia, where, within a few days, the Home was started with three elderly ladies as its first residents. This small family, a housekeeper and a manservant filled the house to capacity. The need of larger accommodations immediately became apparent as applications for admission were coming in rapidly.

A large bazaar, which was sponsored by a number of churches, was very successful and brought to the Home a considerable sum.

In may, 1911, the property at 6713 Woodland Avenue was purchased and made comfortable for the family of residents. Those on the waiting list could then be admitted. In 1912 the adjoining property at 6711 Woodland Avenue was secured for the use of the men who had

applied for admission. Again, in 1914, further enlargement was felt to be necessary and an annex was added to 6713 Woodland Avenue which gave room for more guests. At present there are nineteen women and four men residents in the Home.

The Home is non-sectarian and is supported entirely by legacies and voluntary contributions, and receives neither county nor state aid.

Our By-Laws provide that all pensions should be paid into the Treasury of the corporation to assist in the support of the residents. However, it has been our policy to give each resident $15.00 of the $40.00 received from the State pension for spending money.

From time to time legacies and gifts have been secured by the efforts of its friends, particularly by Mr. John Cadwalader, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Woodward, who constantly devoted much of their time and energy to the welfare of the Chapin Home.

The family of Miss Edith Manning, a former Manager of the Home, presented the Home with a fund, the income from which is distributed among the Home residents, thus enabling them to gratify any small needs.

The Moon fund supplies the Christmas cheer, an entertainment given at the Christmas season, accompanied by refreshments.

Since the last published report, acknowledgment is made of receipt of the following legacies:

Estate of Harry Levy $1,000.00
Estate of Agnes B. Reybold 2,500.00

Between the ages of 65 and 75, an admission fee of $500.00 and $150.00 for funeral expenses is paid. After the age of 75, the admission fee is $350.00.

The Home, in its thirty-five years of existence, has had five presidents: Dr. Robert C. Moon, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. John Cadwalader, Jr., Mr. Caleb J. Milne, Jr., and Mr. Benjamin R. Hoffman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

March 12, 1946

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

IT IS once more my privilege to report on behalf of the Board of Managers of The Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind.

The year 1945, for the most part, has been an uneventful one, comparatively speaking. The help problem has been one of the difficulties which has confronted the Household Committee on many occasions, but the smooth, efficient management of the Home has continued under the watchful care of the Household Committee. With the exception of the usual infirmities of age, our residents have been well.

The Board is happy to report as a new member, Mr. David G. McClintock, who has proven a most active and zealous worker.

In the family, we record the passing of Mrs. Blyler and the admission of Mrs. Hannah Ritchie. All vacancies in the Main Building have been filled and there are many applicants on the waiting list. There are some vacancies in the Men's Building, with no waiting list and very few inquiries.

The usual minor repairs have been made from time to time and a new masonite floor in the dining room with newly papered walls makes a very attractive room. Painting, paperhanging and plastering are being done constantly and the physical condition of the buildings is excellent, considering their age, with the exception of the heating system which has proven most troublesome during the past year. Your Board of Managers recommends the installa-

tion of either an oil or gas system or at least a mechanical stoking system.

As they have done in the past, our old folks, mindful of those less fortunate than they, have contributed $40 of their own money to the Red Cross.

Our many friends continue to provide parties, dinners, musicals and special treats for which we are most grateful. We particularly record the generosity of Miss Maulsby, who never fails to provide for a bountiful Thanksgiving feast, and the contributions of Miss Greenough and Mrs. Schoff toward the enjoyment of the residents.

The Christmas Party, always the climax to the year's festivities, was a very lovely affair this year. Through the efforts of Mrs. McClintock, wife of our new member, the Philadelphia Young Friends Association provided a most enjoyable program with Christmas music and a play. The evening was concluded with the usual good things to eat.

The spiritual welfare of our residents has been greatly strengthened by the Sunday afternoon services and we are unable to adequately express our deep appreciation to the many clergymen who in their busy lives find time to give this splendid service to the Home.

As in the War years, our June Fete and Donation Day festivities were much curtailed, due to the scarcity of foods and the reluctance of produce men to promise contributions. However, the teas served on those days proved most welcome as a substitute and, while perhaps not as successful from a monetary standpoint, they were successful in creating a feeling of good will and happiness.

Your Board of Managers here express deep appreciation of the splendid cooperation afforded by the Board of Trustees in an endeavor to make the Home what it should be—a real home for those unable to care for themselves.

LILLIAN M. THOMAS,
Secretary, The Board of Managers,

REPORT OF LADIES' AUXILIARY

1945 - 1946

SINCE the Secretary's last report to the Board of Managers, the Auxiliary Committee of the Chapin Home have held four meetings on the following dates: May 30th, October 10th, December 12th and February 13th.

One of our members, Mrs. John C. Harvey, who has served on our committee for over 20 years, sent in her resignation in the Fall of 1945. It was accepted with much regret.

The Occupational Therapy Department has continued its useful work under the guidance of Mrs. Sara B. Moore. Mrs. Charles S. Lee is an able Chairman.

Gimbel Week for the Blind this year was a great success. I think it may interest you to hear the results of table.

Mrs. Mary Clunens	$43.05	Mrs. Matthews	20.62
Mrs. Rambo	20.50	Mr. Norton	5.70
Mr. Weinhold	.75	Miss Lusk	.55
Miss Miller	4.96	Miss Kirk	43.80
Mrs. Jones	23.70		$163.63

The Committee received (being cost of materials)	22.17
Donation	.55
Making a grand total of	$186.35

Surely the above is enough to encourage us to carry on this good work, for it makes our old folk in the Home very happy—showing the world how useful and industrious they can be in spite of their physical handicap.

There have been several parties in the Home during the past year. Mrs. L. H. Schoff as usual is tireless in the work on behalf of the residents of the Home.

Members of the Auxiliary have visited the Home during the year and have found things there very satisfactory.

On December 27th there was a Christmas Party which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Donation Day was held on October 24th. I am sorry to say that we did not get our usual receipts, but Mrs. Schoff said that she was very proud of her Auxiliary on that day. The old people enjoyed the social contact with their friends. Tea and sandwiches were served.

I hope that we may all continue in this good work during the present year—Our Chairman, Mrs. Schoff, is a wonderful worker and a great inspiration to us all. She is never asleep when there is a job to be done in order to make life happier for our friends in the Home.

During the past year several of our Old Folk have gone to their rest. This is to be expected in a Home of this kind. May the Light Perpetual shine upon them and give them peace.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY T. LEVICK,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Abstract from the Treasurer's Report For the Year 1945

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Investments and Cash

Elizabeth Roe Dunning Fund	$1,245.00
Irene W. Woodward and Agnes B. Reybold Fund	100,831.86
Edith M. Manning Residents' Fund	995.00
Harriet C. Hill Fund	5,111.25
Beulah T. P. Milne Fund	1,362.50
Robert C. Moon Fund	6,225.00
Permanent Fund	114,693.61
Estate of Mary E. Gramlich Fund	110.02
Louisa Chapin Rothermel Fund	3,703.70
General Endowment Fund	101,238.17
Samuel L. Haines Fund	40,754.42
H. D. Justi Fund	1,200.84
John Cadwalader Memorial Fund	71,009.60
D. D. Wood Fund	2,328.25
Burial Fund	3,005.84
Campbell Memorial Room Fund	9,770.21
L. Delfino and E. R. N. Delfino Memorial Fund	2,362.00
	$465,947.27

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance on Hand—January 1, 1945—General Income	$1,983.81
Balance in Funds other than General Income—January 1, 1945	2,267.52
Contributions	100.00
General Income	5,140.35
Permanent Fund	4,093.95
General Endowment Fund	3,923.85
Harriet C. Hill Fund	262.08
Beulah T. P. Milne Fund	50.00
Louise Chapin Rothermel Fund	122.50
Estate of Mary E. Gramlich	—
Irene M. Woodward and Agnes B. Reybold Fund	4,005.80
Robert C. Moon Fund	225.00
Elizabeth Roe Dunning Fund	45.00
L. Delfino and E. R. N. Delfino Memorial Fund	64.00
Campbell Room Fund	282.86
Pensions Received from Residents	8,438.94
Henry D. Justi Fund	45.00
Cadwalader Fund	2,408.63
Burial Fund	126.75
David D. Wood Fund	89.07
Samuel L. Haines Fund	1,331.50
Excess Admission Fee from Mary Clunen	600.00
Edith M. Manning Residents' Fund	60.00
	$35,666.61

($35,666.61—$4,251.33 balance on hand = $31,415.28 Income)

Payments

General Maintenance and other Expenses of the Home....		$18,721.62
Taxes and Expenses on Real Estate		
Pemberton, N. J.	$2.72	
Yocum Street	105.06	
		107.78
Residents Share of Pensions Returned		3,204.62
Income for use of Residents		108.00
Cadwalader Fund Income Capitalized		2,022.44
Accrued Interest on Investments		894.46
Commissions of Treasurer		973.43
Support of Robert B. Haines from Samuel W. Haines Estate		500.00
Medical Services		75.45
Transferred to Principal Accounts ($2,758.98) and Other Transfers ($3,561.07)		6,320.05
Balances in Funds Other Than General Income, 12-31-45..		1,855.69
Balance December 31, 1945, General Income.....		883.07
		$35,666.61

HOME
FOR AGED WOMEN

The Boards of Trusteees and Managers wish to thank their many friends for the generous help and support rendered the Home.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath unto CHAPIN MEMORIAL HOME FOR AGED BLIND, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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(Note.—A will made within thirty days of decease of testator is void as to charities in Pennsylvania.)